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DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons of minority communities benefited under Multi Sectoral Development Plan for minorities and National Minorities Development Finance Corporation in Andhra Pradesh during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plan so far;

(b) the total amount sanctioned and released during above plan period so far;

(c) the target fixed by the Government to cover the minorities under these schemes during the Ninth Five Year Plan period State-wise and particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the effective implementation of these schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

(a) Preparation of Multi-sectoral Development Plan for Minority Concentration Districts has been taken up for development of the minorities in 41 districts of the Country, which include Hyderabad and Kurnool districts of Andhra Pradesh. Under the Scheme, assistance for preparation of the Project Report is provided by the Central Government. The State Government is supposed to implement the Plan by dovetailing assistance available under various ongoing schemes. The project report for Kurnool district has been prepared and the State Government has been requested to take necessary steps to implement the same. Project Report for Hyderabad district is yet to be prepared by the State Government. The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation was set up in September 1994. 2080 beneficiaries were assisted under the Schemes of the Corporation during the 8th Plan Period & 3696 beneficiaries (upto 31st March 2000) during the 9th Plan Period in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) During 8th Plan Period, Rs. 135.15 lacs was disbursed against sanctioned amount of Rs.151.13 lacs. During the 9th Plan, Rs. 1078.52 lacs was sanctioned by 31.3.2000 and this amount has been disbursed.

(c) Scheme of N.M.D.F.C. is implemented through the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) Andhra Pradesh Minorities Finance Corporation has been operating as SCA in Andhra Pradesh. Based on the requirement and performance, action plan for each year is prepared by NMFDC in consultation with SCA NMFDC has plan to extend Rs. 589 lakhs for covering approximately 2200 beneficiaries during 2000-2001 in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Following steps have been taken for effective implementation of the schemes of National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation:-

(i) Assisting the State Channelising Agencies for improving performance as well as recovery.

(ii) Grant in aid for computerisation of the operations of the SCAs for effective monitoring & supervision.

(iii) Selecting more than one channelising agency for increasing the coverage.

(iv) Delegation to the State Channelising Agency to finance needbased schemes with unit costupto Rs. 50,000 at their level, which will reduce time taken.

(v) Introduction of micro-financing scheme through credit-worthy NGOs for covering a larger number of beneficiaries.

(vi) Providing assistance to craft-persons for display and sale of their products.

(vii) Provision of grant for design development and skill upgradation as also for vocational training of beneficiaries wherever necessary.